

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An automotive grille comprising:

a substrate having a first and second side and dimensions adapted to be mounted to the front of a vehicle, wherein the substrate includes a plurality of decorative members defining a plurality of exposed surfaces and a plurality of front faces positioned adjacent the first side of the substrate wherein the exposed surfaces and the front faces are substantially coated with a coating material to inhibit oxidation of the substrate;

a plurality of mounting structures attached to the substrate on a second side opposite the first side, wherein the plurality of mounting structures are adapted to secure the substrate to the vehicle; and

at least one decorative weather resistant member dimensioned to match at least one of the front faces of the plurality of decorative members of the substrate wherein the at least one decorative weather resistant member is adhered to the at least one front face to substantially cover the at least one front face to further inhibit oxidation of the at least one front face of the substrate.